

MULE CANYON *

North and South forks to east of County Road 263 and north of State Road 95

Length In Miles	Outstandingly Remarkable Values – ORVs	Level of Significance	Tentative Classification
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation • Cultural 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional • Regional 	Recreational

* Mule Canyon Wilderness Study Area , Cedar Mesa ACEC, and Grand Gulch SRMA

Description of Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs):

- **Recreation** – Mule Canyon is renowned for its outstanding canyon features and opportunities for historical and cultural site exploration associated with its watershed. Springs and large pools of water with 500 foot sheer vertical sandstone cliff walls, lush vegetation in the upper wetter reaches, combined with the large number of prehistoric archeological sites, create an ideal setting for outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation.

The undeveloped, roadless, primitive canyon is limited to foot travel only and is accessible year round by two trailhead locations. The canyon offers visitor opportunities for hiking, camping, photography, wildlife viewing, studying natural history, and viewing prehistoric archeological sites. Due to the high use demand, there is an allocated permit system in place, which limits backcountry, overnight use, thereby providing the visitor with solitude and more of a wilderness experience.

- **Cultural** – The cultural resources located here are well preserved prehistoric occupations, special activity locations, and rock art. They are usually located in alcoves, but are sometimes found on the benches along the bottom of the canyon. They are of regional significance because of the scientific information they contain, the fact that they are well preserved, and for their recreation attraction.